

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between claims 1-43 and 56-99 (Group I – drawn to a process of depositing a silicon dioxide), and claims 44-55 (Group II – drawn to a process of forming trench isolation). Applicant hereby elects without traverse claims 1-43 and 56-99 (Group I) for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 44-55 (Group II) have been cancelled without prejudice.

In the Office Action Summary section of the August 24, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner lists claims 1-96 as pending in this application. However, there are 99 claims in this application. Therefore, Applicant assumes the Examiner's Group I restriction was meant to encompass claims 1-43 and 56-99 (not the 56-96 set forth in the Detailed Action), as claims 97-99 all depend from the same independent claim included in said Group I.

Respectfully submitted,

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